
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 3, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7244](#)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Potter, Edwards, Bennett, Ackerman, Morales, Diaz, Casimiro, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT
INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4310/1} (Medicare eligible disabled individuals under age 65 eligible
for Medicare supplemental policies. Health insurance commissioner may adopt reasonable
regulations and standards for Medicare supplemental policies.)

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/14/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/24/2022 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7299](#)

BY Bennett, Kislak, Baginski, Giraldo, S Lima, Solomon, Shanley, Slater, Diaz, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS {LC4301/1} (Changes the definition of collaboration for physician
assistants/increases continuing education to 50 hours/adds licensed nurses practitioners and
physician assistants to the School and Youth concussion act.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7394](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC4472/1} (Prohibits the board of medical
licensure and discipline from requiring specialty board certification as a condition of licensure.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7396](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Ajello, Hull, Cassar, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS {LC4331/1} (Mandates that an applicant for a license as a licensed clinical social worker not be required to take or pass a standardized written examination in order to qualify for the license.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7397](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOME CARE RECOVERY AND STABILITY ACT {LC4465/1} (Creates a moratorium until at least July 1, 2027 on the issuance of new licenses for home care providers, home nursing care providers and hospice providers.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7398](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS {LC4463/1} (Establishes category of licensed and trained home care nursing assistants to work exclusively in home care to address shortage in labor market for daily living services/home supports.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7395](#)

BY Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley, Hawkins, Cardillo, Perez, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT {LC3277/1} (Redefines the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7454](#)

BY Cassar, Felix, Williams, Morales, Slater, Caldwell, Craven, Hull, Fenton-Fung, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4430/1} (Establishes a special enrollment provision for pregnant women to obtain health insurance coverage at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7297](#)

BY C Lima, Serpa, S Lima, Solomon, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC4372/1} (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7133](#)

BY McNamara, Potter, Corvese, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PHARMACEUTICAL REDISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ACT {LC3452/1} (Authorizes the creation and implementation of a Pharmaceutical Redistribution program by the department of health (DOH) and the board of pharmacy to commence operations on January 1, 2023.)

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7185](#)

BY McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD - GROUP PURCHASING BOARD FOR RX WE CAN AFFORD {LC4220/1} (Creates a prescription drug affordability board composed of representatives of affected stakeholders designated to investigate and comprehensively evaluate drug prices for Rhode Islanders and possible ways to reduce them to make them more affordable.)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7245](#)

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Kazarian, McGaw, Bennett, Filippi, Cassar, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY ACT {LC4232/1} (Allows drug cost transparency by requiring reports be submitted by drug manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers and health benefit plan insurers for analysis to the director of the department of business regulation regarding prescription drugs.)

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7393](#)

BY McNamara, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS -- THE NEIL FACHON TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2022 {LC4215/1} (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patients' Right To Try Act of 2022," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7399](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC4290/1} (Requires food service establishments to add an additional warning to their menus relative to food allergens and impose a penalty upon those establishments for failure to include the warnings on its menus. Failure to comply shall result in fines.)

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02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.

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For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website.

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VERBAL TESTIMONY

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Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called and in some cases, it may be at a late hour. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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